

Lake County allotted about \$1.75 million for programs

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Lake County has about \$1.75 million of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funding available for fiscal year 2011.

County commissioners held a public hearing Thursday to announce the proposed projects to be funded and are slated to vote this month to approve the projects.

The county's CDBG allotment is about \$1,280,952, and the HIPP funds allotment totals

\$467,182.

Both funding sources are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which also sets specific guidelines on how the funds can be allocated.

In general, such funds are used to help low- or moderate-income

residents and senior citizens. Communities, organizations or individuals that request the federal funds can apply to the county, which then determines whether a project is eligible for funding. The completed plan then is submitted to HUD.

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The CDBG funding allotment is about a 17 percent reduction, said Commissioner Raymond E. Sines. The allotment is as follows:

■ Public improvements (\$105,000): Fairport Harbor for Americans with Disabilities Act curb cuts (\$25,000); Madison Township Park for pavilion improvements (\$30,000); Painesville for State Street Park improvements (\$50,000)

■ Public facilities-construction funds (\$298,000): Coaches Corner for facility renovation (\$14,000); Fine Arts Association ADA entrance upgrade (\$14,000); Lake County Buildings

(\$210,000); Lake County YMCA Central Branch for ADA entrance improvements (\$10,000); Crossroads for insulation/HVAC improvements; challenge course (\$50,000)

■ Economic development (\$50,000): Port Authority for small business loans

■ Housing programs (\$379,662): Western Reserve Community Development Corp. for housing rehabilitation programs (\$350,000); Willowick Hearts and Hammers (\$20,000); Rebuilding Together Lake County for housing repair (\$9,662)

■ Public services (\$192,100): Ecumenical Shelter Network (also known as Project Hope) (\$55,000); Lake County Free Medical/Dental (\$17,000); Lake

County Free Medical pediatric (\$8,000); Lifeline 211 system (\$15,000); Neighboring for employment services (\$20,000) and senior guardian program (\$22,000); Lake County General Health District for newborn home visits (\$8,000); New Directions for Living (\$8,000); Lake County Church Network (\$10,000); Coaches Corner (\$5,000); St. Johns Family Life Education Center (\$8,000)

■ Administration (\$256,190): Program administration (\$208,190); Fair Housing Resource Center

(\$48,000)

Sines said requests for funding in the public services field came in at \$436,000, meaning not every request would be fulfilled.

"This is the largest request I've seen for services," he said.

The amount of Home Investment Partnership program has dropped about 12 percent, said Marian Norman, program manager for Lake County.

Home Investment Partnership Program funds allotments are as follows:

■ Community Housing Development Organization Set-Aside (\$75,000); Western Reserve Community Development Corp. for new construction

■ Rental subsidy and security deposits (\$191,356); Extended Housing (\$43,356); Lifeline (\$98,000); Project Hope (\$10,000); Fair Housing Resource Center (\$40,000)

■ County HIPP programs (\$154,107): Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority for acquisition and rehabilitation

■ Administration (\$46,718)